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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2734

Introduced by Assembly Member Cox
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bock)

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section ~~295.7~~ 9105 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2734, as amended, Cox. Vehicles: disabled veterans.

Under existing law, for purposes of the Vehicle Code, the term “disabled veterans” is defined as a person who, among other things, suffers from certain categories of disabilities including a disability that has been rated at 100% of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military service from which the veteran was discharged, due to a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with the person’s mobility. *Existing law also exempts, among others, a disabled veteran from paying specified fees.*

This bill would ~~eliminate the requirement that the described disability be due to a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with the person’s mobility~~ specify that veterans with certain disability ratings or receiving certain disability compensation would be exempt from those fees.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. Section 295.7 of the Vehicle Code is~~

SECTION 1. *Section 9105 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:*

9105. (a) The fees specified in this code, except fees for duplicate plates, certificates, or cards, need not be paid for any of the following vehicles, that are of a type subject to registration under this code, and that are not used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit, when owned by any former American prisoner of war, any disabled veteran, *any veteran with a disability rated at 100 percent by the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military service from which the veteran was discharged, any veteran in receipt of disability compensation at the 100 percent rate as a result of a service connected disability*, or any Congressional Medal of Honor recipient:

(1) Any passenger motor vehicle.

(2) Any motorcycle.

(3) Any commercial motor vehicle of less than 8,001 pounds unladen weight.

(b) The exemption granted by subdivision (a) shall not extend to more than one vehicle owned by any former American prisoner of war, any disabled veteran, or any Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and is applicable to the same vehicle as described in subdivision (b) of Section 10783 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(c) (1) The department may require any disabled veteran applying for an exemption under this section to submit a certificate signed by a physician or surgeon substantiating the disability.

(2) The department may require any person applying for an exemption under this section for either of the following reasons to do any of the following:

(A) By reason of the person's status as a former prisoner of war, to show, by satisfactory proof, his or her former prisoner-of-war status.

(B) By reason of the person's status of receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor, to show, by satisfactory

1 proof, that he or she is a Congressional Medal of Honor
2 recipient.

3 (d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1999.

4 ~~amended to read:~~

5 ~~295.7. A "disabled veteran" is any person who, as a~~
6 ~~result of injury or disease suffered while on active service~~
7 ~~with the armed forces of the United States, suffers any of~~
8 ~~the following:~~

9 ~~(a) Has a disability that has been rated at 100 percent~~
10 ~~by the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military~~
11 ~~service from which the veteran was discharged.~~

12 ~~(b) Is so severely disabled as to be unable to move~~
13 ~~without the aid of an assistant device.~~

14 ~~(c) Has lost, or has lost use of, one or more limbs.~~

15 ~~(d) Has suffered permanent blindness, as defined in~~
16 ~~Section 19153 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.~~

